Beyond PowerPoint: Digital Stories with Windows Movie Maker

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IMPORTING VIDEO FOOTAGE

1. After you have recorded your video footage using a Flip Camera, plug the camera into your computer and Open Folder to View Files.
2. Double click on DCIM.
3. Select the movie files listed.
4. Copy and paste the movie files into a folder on your H drive.

WORKING WITH WINDOWS MOVIE MAKER

***Importing Video***

1. Open Window Movie Maker by choosing **Start > All Programs > Windows Movie Maker.**
2. On the left hand side of the workspace, there is a Movie Tasks pane. In this section, under the **Capture Video** heading, choose **Import Video**. (remember: uncheck **Create clips for video files**).
3. When the videos have finished importing, you will see the thumbnails in the collections window.

***Activity #1***

* ***Import the video footage that you’ve captured from your Flip Camera into Movie Maker***

***Creating Credits***

1. Remember to give credit to the source of your media (videos, images, and audio).
2. Add credits to document where the media came from as you create your movie.

***Importing Images***

1. Click on the **Import Pictures** link.
2. Navigate to where you have saved your images and select them.
3. The images will also appear in your collections window.

***Activity #2***

* **Save several pictures from** <http://flickrcc.bluemountains.net/index.php>  **and import them into Movie Maker.** 
  + Find a photo
  + Choose **Edit in House**
  + Choose **Medium** size
  + Click **Add Attribution**
  + Right Click **Save Picture As**

***Importing Audio***

1. Click on the import audio or music link.
2. Navigate to where you have saved your audio file and select it.
3. The audio files will appear in your collections window.

***Activity #3***

* **Download audio from** <http://search.creativecommons.org/> **that has the creative commons license and import it into Movie Maker.**
  + Find an audio clip
  + Click **Download**
  + Click **Download** again
  + Save the file
  + Copy and paste the link to the file in the credits

***Adding Files to the Storyboard***

* To add video and images to the Storyboard, just click and drag them from the collections window to the storyboard in the order in which you would like them to appear.
* Save your project now by click **File > Save Project As.** Navigate to your Desktop or network folder. Note: Windows Movie Maker files have the .MSWMM file extension. *(This is still a working copy)*

***Adding Titles***

1. Under the Edit Movie portion of the Movie Tasks pane, choose **Make Titles or Credits**.
2. You will have a choice for where you would like the title slide, click on the appropriate choice. *(If you choose a title on a selected clip, it will change your view from storyboard to timeline when you click done and you can adjust the length of time it shows on your clip)*
3. A split box will appear. Type your title in the upper section of the box and your subtitle in the lower section of the box.
4. Beneath that text box, there are links to **change the animation** for the text as well as the **text font and color**.
5. Once the title is customized to your liking, click **Done, Add title to movie**. Your title slide should appear at the beginning of your storyboard

***Activity #4***

* **Add your video and picture files to your timeline and create a title slide.**

***Adding Effects***

1. Under the Edit Movie portion of the Movie Tasks pane, choose **View Video Effects**.
2. To preview an effect, double click on it and a preview will appear on the right side of the workspace.
3. Once you find an effect you like, drag it to the storyboard **on the clip** you would like it applied to. The star that was previously grayed out on the clip will turn blue when a video effect has been applied.
4. If you change your mind and you want that effect removed, right click on the blue star on the selected clip and choose **Delete Effects**.

***Adding Transitions***

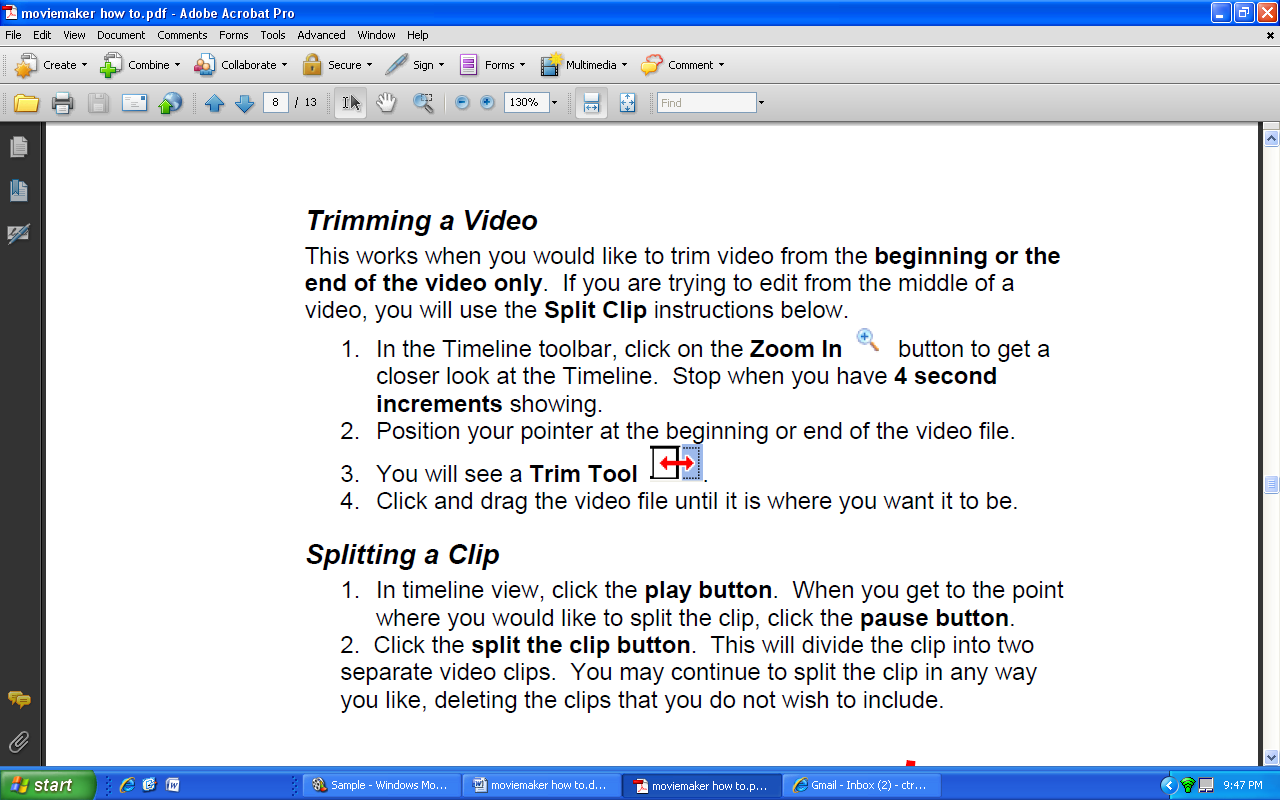
1. Under the Edit Movie portion of the Movie Tasks pane, choose **View Video Transitions**.
2. Transitions are how one clip will move as it transitions to the next clip. To preview a transition, double click on it and a preview will appear on the right side of the workspace.
3. Once you find a transition that you like, click and drag the transition down to the storyboard **in between the clips.**
4. To delete a transition, right click on it and choose delete.

***Activity #5***

* **Explore the Effects and Transition options and apply some of those to your digital story. Don’t forget to save your project by clicking the little floppy disk icon on the top toolbar and to preview your movie to see how it’s coming!**

***Editing Video***

Trimming at the Beginning or End of the Movie

1. Switch to timeline view.
2. By clicking on the beginning or end of the video clip and dragging it in, you will be trimming that footage from that section of the clip. 

Trimming in the Middle of a Clip

1. In timeline view, click the **play button**. When you get to the point where you would like to split the clip, click the **pause button**.
2. Choose **Clip > Split** from the top toolbar. This will divide the clip into two separate video clips. You may continue to split the clip in any way you like, deleting the clips that you do not wish to include.

***Adding Audio***

*\*Waiting until the end of the project is a good idea when adding audio. That way, all of your clips have been edited, effects have been added and the total length of the movie has been determined.*

1. Make sure you are in Timeline view and your cursor is set to the beginning of the movie.
2. Select **Show Collections** under the Edit Movie section of the Movie Tasks pane.
3. Click and drag the audio clip the beginning of the timeline on the audio/music track.
4. Scroll to the end of your audio clip, it’s probably a lot longer than your video. If so, click on the end of the audio file and drag it left to shorten the length of the song.
5. If you’ll be adding multiple audio files, drag the first audio file left until it ends in the appropriate location, then drag down your second audio file, releasing it where the first audio file ends.
6. Right click on any audio track to view the special effects. You can Fade In, Fade Out, Mute, or Adjust Volume.

***Activity #6***

* **Review your video to see if there are any editing needs. Clean up your video by trimming and/or splitting any of the footage. Add the audio to your movie and preview!**

***Finishing Your Movie***

1. Save your file for one last time as the .MSWMM format. This will always remain a working copy.
2. Under the **Finish Movie** section of the Movie Tasks pane, click on **Save to My Computer**.
3. Type in a filename for your movie and select the saving location. Click Next.
4. Leave the setting for best quality and click Next. Movie Maker will render your movie and compress the file into a .WMV file.
5. When you click Finish, your movie should begin to play in Windows Media Player.

**IT’S A WRAP! YOU’VE PRODUCED YOUR PROJECT IN A PROFESSIONAL WAY FOR PLAYBACK ON A COMPUTER…WELCOME TO HOLLYWOOD!**

**C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\Media\CntCD1\ClipArt6\j0289003.wmf**